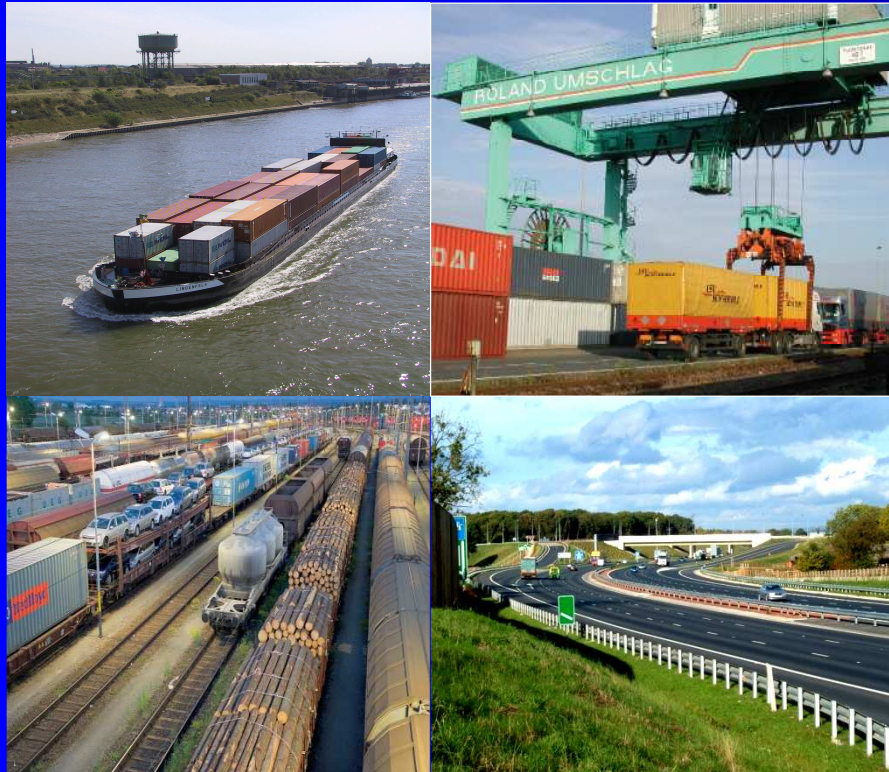




# UNECE FOCUS ON INLAND TRANSPORT SECURITY

## Achievements and Challenges



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# UNECE transport security work

- Inland Transport Committee (ITC)
- Subsidiary bodies (working parties)
- Security issues addressed by some working parties in recent years
- Multidisciplinary Inland Transport Security Expert Group established by ITC in 2007

## Some examples

- Vehicle regulations (alarm systems, protection against unauthorized use)
- Transport of dangerous goods (road, IWW, and rail - in cooperation with OTIF & OSJD)
- Tunnel safety (expert recommendations on safety in rail and road tunnels)
- Border crossing facilitation (eTIR project to incorporate some WCO SAFE standards)

# UNECE Inland Transport Security Expert Group

- Inventory of security measures
- National, industry and international levels
- Best practices incl. infrastructure and its surveillance (tunnels and bridges)
- Issues and recommendations to ITC in 2008 and 2009 reports

# Inland transport security issues

- Issues identified at EG seminar in Jan. 2009
  - Division of responsibilities between public and private sectors unclear
  - Lack of an integrated approach to security
  - Norms, standards and procedures incomplete
  - Knowledge of existing norms insufficient
  - Risk assessment techniques underutilized
  - Best practice sharing most effective
  - Lack of awareness of security needs

# Main challenges

- Expert Group emphasized:
  - Risk analysis challenges
  - Economic cost-benefit challenges
  - Challenges for future ITC work
    - Amend international legal instruments
    - Develop new norms and standards
    - Provide a forum for exchange of best practices

# Informal Task Force on Rail Security

- Approved by ITC in February 2009
- Government and industry experts
- First meeting: Geneva, 14 May 2009
- Main task: Identification of best practices
  - Intersectoral and intrasectoral cooperation
  - International cooperation
  - Cost-benefit assessments
- Report with recommendations to the UNECE Working Party on Rail Transport

# Some questions

- Rail security bottlenecks → how to define and rank them?
- People respond to incentives → intelligent use of markets for better rail security?
- Rail security technology → need to harmonize standards?
- Root causes → need for thorough analysis and preventive intervention?



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